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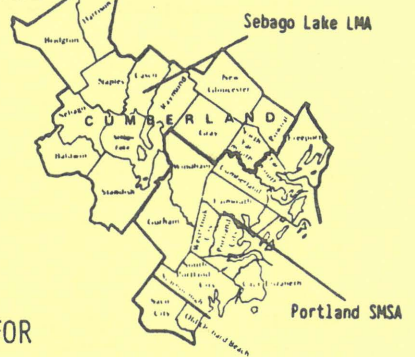
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# MANPOWER HIGHLIGHTS

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY

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## AREA DEFINITIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ECONOMY

- I. According to recent intercensal population estimates compiled by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Cumberland County's population increased by 7.3 percent between 1970 and 1978, or from 192,528 to 206,500.
- II. The United States Department of Labor has deleted the Portland Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) from its list of eligible labor surplus areas. Under the new classification procedures, an area will be classified as a labor surplus area if the unemployment rate is at least 1.20 times the national rate during a reference period. The reference period used for the present list of labor surplus areas is January 1978 through December 1979. The present classification will continue in effect until May 31, 1981, at which time a new determination will be made.

## LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Area 1/	Labor Force 2/			Resident Employed			Unemployment Number			Unemployment Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Maine (in 000's) ..	504,700	518,500	491,400	469,400	481,400	460,000	35,300	37,100	31,400	7.0	7.2	6.4
Portland SMSA .....	90,200	89,400	88,000	84,900	84,300	83,500	5,300	5,100	4,500	5.9	5.7	5.1
Sebago Lake LMA .....	10,820	11,080	11,420	9,930	10,130	10,670	890	950	750	8.2	8.6	6.6

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each sub-state area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from six-month moving averages of the Current Population Survey. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis.

2/ This month and last month figures are preliminary; year-ago figures are revised.

## NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

### PORTLAND SMSA

Item	Number of Workers 1/			Net Change to Current Month from		Percentage Change to Current Month from	
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Month	Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	92.5	91.9	91.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.3	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	17.7	18.0	17.7	- 0.3	0.0	- 1.7	0.0
Food and Kindred Products	2.1	2.2	2.1	- 0.1	0.0	- 4.5	0.0
Apparel and Other Finished Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lumber and Wood Products, Furniture and Fixtures	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.0	- 0.1	0.0	-20.0
Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	+ 0.1	0.0	+ 9.1
Leather and Leather Products	3.4	3.4	2.9	0.0	+ 0.5	0.0	+17.2
Fabricated Metal Products	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	- 0.1	0.0	- 4.3
Machinery, except Electrical	2.1	2.2	2.3	- 0.1	- 0.2	- 4.5	- 8.7
Electrical Machinery	1.8	1.8	2.0	0.0	- 0.2	0.0	-10.0
Transportation Equipment	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All Other Manufacturing	3.3	3.4	3.3	- 0.1	0.0	- 2.9	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	74.8	73.9	73.5	+ 0.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.2	+ 1.8
Contract Construction	4.0	4.0	4.1	0.0	- 0.1	0.0	- 2.4
Transportation, Communication, Electric, and Gas Services	5.4	5.4	5.5	0.0	- 0.1	0.0	- 1.8
Wholesale and Retail Trade	25.7	25.8	25.2	- 0.1	+ 0.5	- 0.4	+ 2.0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	7.6	7.6	7.2	0.0	+ 0.4	0.0	+ 5.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	18.5	19.0	18.6	- 0.5	- 0.1	- 2.6	- 0.5
Government	13.6	12.1	12.9	+ 1.5	+ 0.7	+12.4	+ 5.4
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Figures in thousands. This and last month figures are preliminary; year-ago figures are revised.

2/ Refers to persons on establishment payrolls for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excludes persons involved in labor-management disputes, domestics in private households, nonfarm self-employed individuals, and unpaid family members.

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ESTIMATES OF THE POPULATION IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY AND COMPONENT  
CITIES AND TOWNS, 1970 AND 1980

Area	1980	1970	Change 1970-1980	
			Number	Percent
Cumberland County.....	215,521	192,528	+22,993	+11.9
Portland.....	61,530	65,116	- 3,586	- 5.5
South Portland.....	22,599	23,267	- 668	- 2.9
Westbrook.....	14,955	14,444	+ 511	+ 3.5
Brunswick.....	17,392	16,195	+ 1,197	+ 7.4
Scarborough.....	11,383	7,845	+ 3,538	+45.1
Gorham.....	10,099	7,839	+ 2,260	+28.8
Windham.....	11,238	6,593	+ 4,645	+70.5
Cape Elizabeth.....	7,822	7,873	- 51	- 0.6
Falmouth.....	6,849	6,291	+ 558	+ 8.9
Yarmouth.....	6,600	4,854	+ 1,746	+36.0
Freeport.....	5,859	4,781	+ 1,078	+22.5
Cumberland.....	5,272	4,096	+ 1,176	+28.7
Standish.....	5,949	3,122	+ 2,827	+90.6
Gray.....	4,282	2,939	+ 1,343	+45.7
Bridgton.....	3,521	2,967	+ 554	+18.7
Harpswell.....	3,755	2,552	+ 1,203	+47.1
New Gloucester.....	3,184	2,811	+ 373	+13.3
Casco.....	2,249	1,256	+ 993	+79.1
Raymond.....	2,255	1,328	+ 927	+69.8
North Yarmouth.....	1,918	1,383	+ 535	+38.7
Naples.....	1,850	956	+ 894	+93.5
Balance of Cumberland.....	4,960	4,020	+ 940	+23.4

Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED (CUMBERLAND COUNTY)

<u>Sex</u>	<u>Insured Unemployed Percent Distribution</u>
Male.....	60.4
Female.....	39.6
<u>Industry of Separation</u>	
Contract Construction.....	11.8
Manufacturing.....	32.2
Retail Trade.....	13.7
Services.....	18.4
All Other.....	23.9

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1980 Census Data

The preliminary 1980 census population count shows that the population of Cumberland County increased by 11.9 percent between 1970 and 1980. This gain compares favorably with the 13 percent expansion of the population of the State of Maine. Notwithstanding this fact, 10 of Maine's 16 counties had population increases in excess of the 11.9 percent advance in Cumberland County. However, only one county, York, had more of a gain in absolute population between 1970 and 1980.

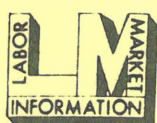
As expected, approximately 84 percent of the total population increase in Cumberland County occurred in what would formerly have been called rural areas. Conversely, the core cities of Portland and South Portland lost over 4,000 individuals between 1970 and 1980. The most significant population gains took place in those towns which either have a substantial industrial base of their own, or are within commuting distance of the more industrialized central cities. Although 1980 commuting pattern data is not yet available, there are indications that some significant changes have taken place since 1970. If this is the case, the configuration of the Portland Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area may have to be changed to incorporate these differences.

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